

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for locating and navigating to a site home of a network site in an information network from a site page within the network site using a site home navigation control associated with a user's computer, wherein the network site is not an intranet site associated with the user's computer, comprising:

receiving a request to navigate from a site page to a site home of the network site
using the site home navigation control associated with the user's computer;
determining a site home for the network site; and
wherein a site home is found for the network site, navigating to the site home in response to the received request.

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of wherein a site home is not found for the network site, communicating to the user that the site home was not found.

3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of determining a site home for the network site further comprises locating the address of the site home by identifying a characteristic label assigned to the site home.

4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the step identifying a characteristic label further comprises:

retrieving a hypertext markup language (HTML) <Header> metatag associated with the site page;
determining if HTML <Header> metatag includes a <Title/> tag;

determining if the <Title/> tag includes a characteristic label;
determining that the site page is the site home, if the <Title/> tag includes a characteristic label; and
searching a server serving up the network site for the characteristic label, if the HTML <Header> metatag does not include a <Title/> tag or the <Title/> tag does not include a characteristic label.

5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the characteristic label comprises at least one of index.htm, index.html, default.htm, default.html, home.htm, and home.html.

6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of determining a site home for the network site further comprises:

reading the address of the site page wherein the address comprises at least two address components and a separator for separating the address component from other components of the address; and
parsing the address of the site page into its constituent address components wherein one of the parsed address components comprises the address of the site home.

7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the address comprises the uniform resource locator (URL) of the site page.

8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the separator comprises at least one of a slash ("/") and a double slash ("//") and wherein the address of the site home is separated from the rest of the uniform resource locator (URL) of the site page by a leading double slash ("//") and a trailing slash ("/").

9. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of determining a site home for the network site further comprises:

reading the address of the site page wherein the address comprises at least two address components each separated by a separator; and
parsing the address of the site page into the one or more address components;
comparing each of the parsed address components to an index of stored site home addresses wherein the parsed address component matching a stored site home address comprises the address of the site home.

10. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the address comprises a uniform resource locator (URL) associated with the site page.

11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the separator comprises at least one of a slash ("/") and a double slash ("//") and wherein the address of the site home is separated from other address components of the uniform resource locator (URL) of the site page by a leading double slash ("//") and a trailing slash ("/").

12. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of determining the site home for the network site further comprises:
detecting if a site map exists for the network site; and
interrogating the site map to identify an address of the site home from the site map, if a site map is detected.

13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the address comprises a uniform resource locator (URL) associated with the site home.

14. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of determining the site home for the network site further comprises:
retrieving a hypertext markup language (HTML) <Header> metatag associated with the site page; and
determining if the hypertext markup language (HTML) <Header> metatag includes a site home tag for identifying the site home for the network site.

15. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a request to navigate from a site page to the site home of the network site comprises detecting invocation of a site home navigation control.

16. (Currently Amended) A program of instructions storable on a medium readable by an information handling system for causing the information handling system to execute steps for locating and navigating to a site home of a network site in an information network from a site page within the network site using a site home navigation control associated with a user's computer, wherein the network site is not an intranet site associated with the user's computer, the steps comprising:

receiving a request to navigate from a site page to the site home of the network site using the site home navigation control associated with the user's computer;
determining a site home for the network site; and
navigating to the site home in response to the received request, if a site home is found for the network site;
whereby information provided by the site home may be communicated to a user.

17. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 16, further comprising the step of wherein a site home is not found for the network site, communicating to the user that the site home was not found.

18. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of determining a site home for the network site further comprises locating the address of the site home by identifying a characteristic label assigned to the site home.

19. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 18, wherein the step identifying a characteristic label further comprises:

retrieving a hypertext markup language (HTML) <Header> metatag associated with the site page;

determining if HTML <Header> metatag includes a <Title/> tag;
determining if the <Title/> tag includes a characteristic label;
determining that the site page is the site home, if the <Title/> tag includes a characteristic label; and
searching a server serving up the network site for the characteristic label, if the HTML <Header> metatag does not include a <Title/> tag or the <Title/> tag does not include a characteristic label.

20. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 19, wherein the characteristic label comprises at least one of index.htm, index.html, default.htm, default.html, home.htm, and home.html.

21. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of determining a site home for the network site further comprises:

reading the address of the site page wherein the address comprises at least one address components and a separator for separating the address component from other components of the address; and
parsing the address of the site page into its constituent address components wherein one of the parsed address components comprises the probable address of the site home.

22. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 21, wherein the address comprises the uniform resource locator (URL) of the site page.

23. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 22, wherein the separator comprises at least one of a slash ("/") and a double slash("//") and wherein the address of the site home is separated from the rest of the uniform resource locator (URL) of the site page by a leading double slash("//") and a trailing slash("/").

24. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of determining a site home for the network site further comprises:

reading the address of the site page wherein the address comprises at least one address components each separated by a separator; and
parsing the address of the site page into the one or more address components;
comparing each of the parsed address components to an index of stored site home addresses wherein the parsed address component matching a stored site home address comprises the address of the site home.

25. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 24, wherein the address comprises a uniform resource locator (URL) associated with the site page.

26. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 25, wherein the separator comprises at least one of a slash ("/") and a double slash ("//") and wherein the address of the site home is separated from other address components of the uniform resource locator (URL) of the site page by a leading double slash ("//") and a trailing slash ("/").

27. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of determining the site home for the network site further comprises:

detecting if a site map exists for the network site; and
interrogating the site map to identify an address of the site home from the site map, if a site map is detected.

28. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 27, wherein the address comprises a uniform resource locator (URL) associated with the site home.

29. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of determining the site home for the network site further comprises:

retrieving a hypertext markup language (HTML) <Header> metatag associated with the site page;

determining if the hypertext markup language (HTML) <Header> metatag includes a site home tag for identifying the site home for the network site.

30. (Original) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of receiving a request to navigate from a site page to the site home of the network site comprises detecting invocation of a site home navigation control.

31. (Currently Amended) An information handling system, comprising:
a processor for executing a program of instructions on the information handling system;
a memory coupled to the processor for storing the program of instructions executable by the processor; and
a communication device for coupling the information handling system to an information network;

the program of instructions for configuring the information handling system to ~~determine and navigate to a site home of a network site in the information network from a site page within the network site~~ to execute steps for locating and navigating to a site home of a network site in an information network from a site page within the network site using a site home navigation control associated with the information handling system, wherein the network site is not an intranet site associated with the information handling system, the steps comprising:

receiving a request to navigate from a site page to the site home of the network site using the site home navigation control associated with the information handling system;

determining a site home for the network site; and

navigating to the site home in response to the received request, if a site home is found for the network site;

wherein information provided by the site home may be communicated to a user.

32. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 31, further comprising a display for displaying information to a user of the information handling system, said display capable of displaying a graphical user interface to the user wherein the graphical user interface includes a site home navigation control for allowing the user to request navigation to the site home.

33. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the program of instructions is capable of configuring the information handling system for locating the address of the site home by identifying a characteristic name assigned to the site home.

34. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 33, wherein the characteristic name is provided by a <Title/> tag contained within a hypertext markup language (HTML) <Header> metatag associated with the site page.

35. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 33, wherein the characteristic name comprises at least one of index.htm, index.html, default.htm, default.html, home.htm, and home.html.

36. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the program of instructions is capable of configuring the information handling system for locating a site home tag for identifying a site home of the network site.

37. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the program of instructions is capable of configuring the information handling system for locating the address of the site home by parsing the address of the site page into the one or more address components wherein one of the parsed address components comprises the address of the site home.

38. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 37, wherein the addresses of the site page and site home comprise a uniform resource locator (URL).

39. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the program of instructions is capable of configuring the information handling system for locating the address of the site home by parsing the address of the site page into the one or more address components and comparing each of the parsed address components to an index of stored site home addresses wherein the parsed address component matching a stored site home address comprises the address of the site home.

40. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 39, wherein the addresses of the site page and site home comprise a uniform resource locator (URL).

41. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the program of instructions is capable of configuring the information handling system for:
detecting if a site map exists for the network site; and
interrogating the site map to identify an address of the site home from the site map, if a site map is detected.

42. (Original) The information handling system as claimed in claim 41, wherein the addresses of the site page and site home comprise a uniform resource locator (URL).

43. (Currently Amended) A method for locating and navigating to a site home of a network site in an information network from a site page within the network site using a site home navigation control associated with a user's computer, wherein the network site is not an intranet site associated with the user's computer, comprising:

displaying the site page within a network browser display of a network browser, the network browser providing the site home navigation control associated with the user's computer;

receiving a request to navigate from a site page to the site home of the network site,
the request being provided in response to a user selecting ~~a button provided~~
~~in the browser display~~ the site home navigation control;
determining a site home for the network site; and
wherein a site home is found for the network site, navigating to the site home in
response to the received request so that the site home is displayed within the
network browser display.

44. (Previously Added) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
providing, as part of a browser display, a graphical user interface button configured
to receive requests to navigate the site home of the network site.

45. (Previously Added) The program of instructions as claimed in claim 16,
further comprising:
providing, as part of a browser display, a graphical user interface button configured
to receive requests to navigate the site home of the network site.

46. (Previously Added) The information handling system as claimed in claim
31, wherein the program of instructions provides, as part of a browser display, a graphical
user interface button configured to receive requests to navigate the site home of the
network site.